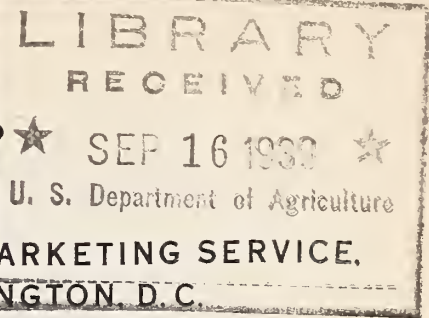


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TO COLLECT WIS. DAIRY DATA

An agreement has just been completed between the Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, providing for joint collection of data on the dairy products industry in Wisconsin for 1939. This coordinates in that one State the work that has been carried on since 1917 by the Department of Agriculture in collecting monthly and annual data on the production of dairy products manufactured by States, and the biennial survey of dairy products manufactures which the Bureau of the Census has made since 1921.

Under this agreement the Wisconsin office of the Division of Agricultural Statistics, in charge of Dr. Walter H. Ebling at Madison, will collect through a combination of schedules all information needed by the Census Bureau and the Agricultural Marketing Service on the dairy products industry of that State. This will eliminate duplicate inquiries by these two agencies -- long a source of annoyance to dairy products manufacturers -- and will result in uniformity of the data published separately by each bureau on the dairy products industries of Wisconsin.

This is considered a forward and constructive step in coordinating the collection of data required by more than one Federal Department. It is hoped that in the next few years it will be possible to put similar arrangements into effect in a number of other important dairy States.

NEW YORK F. AND V. OFFICE

PROVIDES EARLY MARKET NEWS

"This morning's market news on fruits and vegetables this morning." This might well be the slogan for the recent development in the distribution of market news from the Fruit and Vegetable office at New York. In the past, it has been necessary for growers to wait for a midday radio program, the afternoon paper, the paper of the following morning, or a mail report, before they could receive official information on prices and supplies at New York City. Now farmers as far away as 200 miles from New York need but to tune to Station WOR at 6:30 each morning to get the highlights of trading up to 6:15. This provides the farmer with an early-morning guide as to prices and supplies and thus helps him in his dealings with buyers who travel by truck from farm to farm.

In order to provide this demonstrational service, E. R. Biddle, in charge, and C. D. Schoolcraft, of the New York office of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, are getting on the market some 2 hours earlier than in the past. At 6:15 a.m. the market report is telephoned to the radio station and a few minutes later it is on the air and in the homes of thousands of market gardeners and others.

This is an experimental service to determine whether an early report of this sort is feasible and practicable, and if it should have a permanent place

in the regular market news program. Apparently it is filling a definite need, and it will be continued if facilities can be made available to handle the extra service next year.

Arrangements are under way to provide similar information on certain commodities to the farmers of the Norfolk section of Virginia. It is planned that the early morning report will be telephoned by Mr. Biddle or Mr. Schoolcraft to United Press and then transmitted by that organization to radio stations in Virginia. It will also be available to many other radio stations between New York and Florida, so that all interested may have "this morning's market news this morning."

ROBBINS NAMED PRESIDENT OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

Secretary Wallace on August 17 announced the appointment of Carl B. Robbins as President of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Mr. Robbins succeeds Lynn P. Talley, Assistant to the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Since November 1938, Mr. Robbins has been Assistant Director of Marketing and Regulatory Work. He formerly was engaged in business in California. His experience there included service as economic adviser for a branch banking institution and as First Vice President and Treasurer of a manufacturing corporation. Previously, Mr. Robbins taught economics and finance at Stanford University.

Effective July 1, the Commodity Credit Corporation was transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

GROUP OF 2,600 GROWERS REQUESTS COTTON-CLASSING SERVICE

The largest single application received by AMS for this year's cotton-classing services under the Smith-Doxey Act is from One-Variety Cotton Improvement Association of Jackson County, Okla., an organization of almost 2,600 members ---cotton growers in the entire county---representing more than 1,000,000 acres of cotton under cultivation in 1939. Several other applications have been received from county-wide organizations in various cotton-growing States, but the Jackson County group is the largest from the standpoint of both membership and farm acreage devoted to cotton.

FIRST-AID COURSES OPEN TO AMS EMPLOYEES

The Safety Specialist of the Department advises that First-Aid Lay Instructor training courses will be held by the American Red Cross at the following places on the dates listed. The name of the individual or chapter in charge of local arrangements is indicated for each city:

El Paso, Tex.	Mrs. Marie Brindell, 300 Courthouse, El Paso	Sept. 5-23
Baton Rouge, La.	Mrs. Laura E. McIntyre, Court House, Baton Rouge	Oct. 16-27
New Orleans, La.	Miss Evelyn A. Chapman, 2127 Prytania St., New Orleans	Oct. 30-Nov. 10

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE INCLUDES THREE DEPARTMENT BRANCHES

The Yearbook Statistical Committee that supervises the preparation of the annual volume of "Agricultural Statistics" has been named for 1940, by Morse Salisbury, Acting Director of Information of the Department.

The Committee this year includes representatives of three branches of the Department, as follows: Agricultural Marketing Service, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

Joseph A. Becker, Division of Agricultural Statistics, will serve again as chairman, and Paul Froehlich, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, was renamed as secretary. The newly-appointed committee members are -

Joseph A. Becker, Chairman (A.M.S.)	S. W. Mendum (B.A.E.)
Paul Froehlich, Secretary (B.A.E.)	Donald Jackson (B.A.E.)
Fred J. Rossiter (F.A.R.)	Rodney Whitaker (A.M.S.)
W. O. Fraser (A.M.S.)	

EXAMINATION FOR JUNIOR MARKETING SPECIALIST, ANNOUNCED

Open competitive examinations (assembled) for Junior Marketing Specialist, \$2,000 a year, in the Agricultural Marketing Service, has been announced by the Civil Service Commission, in a choice of eight optional subjects, as follows:

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| 1. Dairy products. | 5. Meat grading. |
| 2. Fruits, vegetables, and miscellaneous products. | 6. Poultry and eggs. |
| 3. Grain, hay, feed, and seed. | 7. Tobacco. |
| 4. Livestock. | 8. Wool. |

Applications must be on file with the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., not later than the following dates:

(a) September 18, 1939, if received from States other than those named in (b) below.

(b) September 21, 1939, if received from the following States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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The Crop Reporting Board will have the assistance of the following field statisticians in the preparation of coming crop reports:

September Cotton Report - to be issued September 8:

D. L. Floyd, agricultural statistician, Athens, Ga.
S. T. Marsh, associate agricultural statistician, Knoxville, Tenn.
D. A. McCandliss, southern regional statistician, Gulfport, Miss.
H. L. Rasor, associate agricultural statistician, Austin, Tex.

September General Crop Report - to be issued September 11:

M. M. Justin, senior agricultural statistician, West Lafayette, Ind.
B. U. Kienholz, associate agricultural statistician, Fargo, N. Dak.
F. K. Reed, agricultural statistician, Denver, Colo.
H. M. Taylor, agricultural statistician, Richmond, Va.

 BOOKS ON MARKETING
 - in the Library -

India. Office of the agricultural marketing adviser. Report on the marketing of tobacco in India and Burma. 503pp. Delhi, Manager of publications, 1939. (Marketing series no. 10) 280.39 In2 no. 10

"This report shows the important place which the tobacco crop holds in Indian agriculture and indicates how returns to tobacco growers can be increased by reducing the costs of distribution at various stages from the field to the consumer or manufacturer." - Introduction.

Japan. Rice bureau. Recent food control system in Japan; government measures for rice control from 1921 to 1936. 27pp. [Tokyo, Printed by Kokusai shuppan insatsusha] 1937. 281.359 J27

At head of title: Japanese Ministry of agriculture and forestry, Rice bureau.

"Some sixteen years have passed since the establishment of new system on rice control in 1921, when the Rice law was firstly enacted and carried into effect. The law, after several amendments being made, was, at last, superseded by the Rice Control Law of 1933, which, being amended in 1936 and, at the same time, supplemented with Autonomous Rice Control Law and Paddy Store Aiding Law, has been carried out since September 20, 1936, altogether with the latter two laws and also with Imperial Ordinances and Ministerial Orders concerning them.

"During the above period five important stages of development in rice control may be remarked as mentioned below:-

1. Quantitative control.
2. Price control side by side with quantitative control.
3. The setting up of a standard maximum price and minimum price as the criterion in price-control.
4. Establishment of official maximum price and minimum price to be strictly maintained in price control.
5. The participation of organizations or corporations in co-operation with the Government rice control." -

General Summary.

WILLIAM H. RHODES

William H. Rhodes, agricultural agent, who has been connected with the Raleigh, N. C., office of the Division of Agricultural Statistics since 1919, died on August 25, after an illness of several weeks. His funeral was on Saturday, August 26, at Sylva, N. C.

Mr. Rhodes attended the University of North Carolina, and during the World War he served as Lieutenant in the United States Army. He always held the respect of his associates, and his death has been a serious loss to the office.

INSTRUCTIONS, REGULATIONS, RULINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 152 (Supplement No. 1)
(August 18, 1939, signed by Mr. Reed)

To: Division and Section Leaders :

AFFIDAVITS TO EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

The General Accounting Office has advised that employees designated to administer affidavits to expense accounts should sign their names, and give their titles, to be followed by the following statement:

Designated by Secretary of Agriculture
under Act approved June 6, 1939, (53 Stat. 810).

Rubber stamps containing the foregoing statement should be secured for those who are authorized to execute affidavits.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 99, SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
(August 12, 1939, signed by Mr. Hughes)

To: Division Leaders:

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Books of Transportation Requests containing five (5) or ten (10) requests each, will be issued by the Administrative Audit Section of Budget and Accounts, in blank to the Divisions as may be required in blocks of five (5) books or multiples thereof. The form to be used in connection with the requisition and receipt of Transportation Requests should be submitted in duplicate. The original will be returned to the Division, together with the Transportation Requests for execution of the receiving certificate. Upon return of the receipted original copy, the duplicate copy will be forwarded to the Division for filing. Additional copies of this form may be obtained from the Administrative Audit. Transportation Requests for use by the Office of the Chief and the various administrative units of Business Administration will be issued upon request to the individual traveler by the Administrative Audit.

Serially numbered Transportation Identification Cards will be issued by the Administrative Audit to employees of the Agricultural Marketing Service, through the Divisions as requested. Each card must be manually signed in the space provided therefor, by the Administrative Officer whose duty it is to issue the book or books of Transportation Requests in blank to the traveler for his use. In connection with the issuance of Transportation Identification Cards, attention is invited to paragraph 3, of the provisions of General Regulations No. 46, Supplement No. 1, cited in Appendix V of Standardized Government Travel Regulations.

PENALTY MAILING PRIVILEGE, AND PROPER USE OF PENALTY ENVELOPES

In Administrative Memorandum No. 171, of August 12, 1939, the Business Manager refers to Secretary's Memorandum No. 824, issued June 22, 1939, wherein is quoted Section 6 of the Treasury-Post Office Appropriation Act for 1940. This section covers new provisions of law applicable to the penalty mailing privilege. It is important that all employees of the Agricultural Marketing Service be advised of the necessity for careful compliance with the new regulations.

The proper use of penalty envelopes also was explained in this memorandum. According to legal interpretation of Postal Laws and Regulations, persons not employees who are licensed by the Department as inspectors or others conducting work of an official nature, may use penalty envelopes only when they are furnished by a Department official, and then only when such penalty envelopes bear a return address printed or written thereon.

ADDITIONAL TYPES OF MATERIAL MAY BE MAILED UNDER FRANK

Instructions concerning the counting and weighing of mail have again been supplemented. Amendment 3 to Administrative Memorandum No. 146, issued by the Business Manager on August 12, outlines the additional types of material that may be sent as official mail without a request having been received.

Rulings affecting the Division of Agricultural Statistics, the Division of Cotton Marketing, and the Fruit and Vegetable Division, are explained. To facilitate the classification of official mail, first-class or letter mail, third-class mail, and fourth-class mail (domestic parcel post) are defined.

Incoming mail in return-addressed penalty envelopes shall be counted, weighed, and reported as first-class mail. It is not necessary, however, to report incoming mail separately from outgoing mail. A standard form for use in submitting the count and weight reports will be available from the Central Supply Section in the near future.

In field offices having joint operation, the count may be made in the mail room and report sent by each divisional unit to its respective division in Washington. The Chairman of the Operating Committee will report to the Business Manager all mail that does not fall strictly within divisional classification.

Licensed inspectors, not employees of the Department, are not authorized in any case to use penalty envelopes in sending certificates or related material to parties other than employees of the Department. Supervising inspectors being paid employees of the Government are entitled to use the penalty envelopes not only in sending official information to other employees but to persons who are not employees of the Government.

CARBON COPIES OF SCHEDULES MUST BE LEGIBLE

On August 24, a Memorandum was issued by the Business Manager asking that greater care be used in obtaining clear carbon copies of Schedules of Collections and Schedules of Transfers - Special Deposits prepared in the various divisional or field offices. An increasing number of complaints has made it necessary to urge that this condition be corrected.

SCHEDULE REVISED FOR CASH SALARY PAYMENTS

Pay Day and Payrolls is the title of Administrative Memorandum No. 174, issued by the Business Manager under date of August 19, to Division and Section Leaders, regarding a revised schedule for paying the employees of the Agricultural Marketing Service whose names are carried on the cash payrolls.

Employees receiving cash payments will be paid in Room 2862, at periods stated in the memorandum. An administrative representative from each Division or Section will accompany the employees to the pay line and will confirm their services.

Because the time will be very limited, and as confusion is very disturbing, order and silence in the pay line, are expected at all times.

The Divisions not mentioned in the Memorandum, are not involved as their employees are paid by check.

NEW PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of a new personnel recommendation form (Form AMS-12) which will replace the old form (AE-104), have been distributed to Division and Section Leaders, with Administrative Memorandum No. 172.

Mr. DeVaughan, Personnel Officer, asks that the Divisions and Sections make use of this new form as promptly as possible. It is understood that a supply of these new forms is now on hand in the Central Supply Section of the Department.

NEW EMPLOYEES SHOULD UNDERSTAND PERSONNEL RELATIONS

The Business Manager asks that all new employees learn of their rights under the employee relations policy of the Department, as set forth in Secretary's Memorandums Nos. 753 and 822.

Employees who have entered the service subsequent to June 1, 1938, and are not acquainted with the procedure incident to the handling of personnel relations and complaints, should read these memorandums.

In the June 1, 1938 issue of the B.A.E. NEWS, (p. 6), there was published in full Secretary's Memorandum No. 753 dated May 4, 1938, containing a statement of policy and procedure with regard to personnel relations in the Department of Agriculture.

In the June 1, 1939 issue of the B.A.E. NEWS (p. 6), attention of all employees was called to Secretary's Memorandum No. 822 dated May 15, 1939, that was in the nature of an amendment to Secretary's Memorandum No. 753, referred to above.

The Business Manager requests that new employees be given an opportunity to read these memorandums in the editions of the B.A.E. NEWS mentioned. Local field representatives and supervisors in Washington should bring the contents of these Secretary's Memorandums to the attention of employees who may have entered the service during the past year.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 168
(August 11, 1939, signed by Mr. Hughes)

To: Division and Section Leaders:

CLASSIFICATION OF FIELD POSITIONS

In order to bring the field positions of the Department more nearly on a comparable basis from the standpoint of job classification with positions in the departmental service, as provided for in the Brookhart Salary Act of July 3, 1930, it is the policy of the Department to require that all temporary as well as permanent positions in the field service be allocated strictly in accordance with the proper classification grades.

In the future, in arranging for either permanent or temporary help in your various field offices, local field representatives should be instructed to request lists of eligibles from registers of the proper classification grade and corresponding salary rate for the position to be filled. For example:

All positions in which the incumbent will perform any amount of work involving the operation of mechanical duplicating machinery, such as the mimeograph and addressograph, will fall in grade CAF-1 at \$1260 per annum, or \$3.50 per diem, w.a.e.

All positions of Clerk-Typists which involve any amount of stencil cutting will fall in grade CAF-2, \$1440 per annum, or \$4 per diem, w.a.e.

All positions which involve any amount of routine stenographic work, not involving technical dictation, will fall in grade CAF-2, \$1440 per annum, or \$4 per diem, w.a.e.

All positions which involve the operation of calculating machines of any kind or character will fall in grade CAF-2, \$1440 per annum, or \$4 per diem, w.a.e.

Any position which involves simple clerical tasks such as recording and transcribing figures (not involving difficult computations requiring the use of calculating machines), typing cards and envelopes, routine copying from plain copy and rough draft, filing correspondence, cards, etc., keeping simple mailing lists up to date with changes therein, and like duties of a simple character which do not involve the exercise of any appreciable degree of judgment, will fall in grade CAF-1, \$1260 per annum, or \$3.50 per diem, w.a.e.

Any positions involving general messenger work without the performance of any clerical or machine operation tasks will fall in grade CU-2, \$1080 per annum, or \$3 per diem.

Any position involving laboring work of an ordinary character other than that connected with the performance of mechanical tasks of a recognized trade or craft will fall in grade CU-2, \$1080 per annum, or \$3 per diem, w.a.e.

The foregoing typical jobs are furnished merely for information purposes and to expedite the securing of eligibles for temporary appointments. However, should temporary appointments to positions of any other kind or character be necessary, or if there is any doubt as to the proper grade allocation of the position, a full statement of the duties and responsibilities must be furnished the Personnel Section for advanced approval before a request for eligibles is submitted to the District Civil Service Manager.

Whenever it is necessary to fill a permanent field position which has not previously been allocated, or where the present allocation of a field position may be questionable, a full statement of the duties and responsibilities should be submitted to the Personnel Section for consideration and approval before action is taken to secure a certificate of eligibles. * * *

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 30
(Supplement No. 1)

To: Division and Section Leaders, Approving, and Acting Approving Officers:

PREPARATION OF PAYROLLS

Attention of employees responsible for the preparation of payrolls is directed to the new procedure in effect in the Office of the Secretary, of issuing advices of personnel actions. These documents are now numbered and the name of the Director of Personnel and the date of issuance of the advice are perforated at the bottom of the form. In indicating this information on payrolls, instructions on page 6 of Payroll Procedure dated December 16, 1937, will be followed except that the number as well as the date of the advice will be indicated.

In case of a new appointment the notation will be:

"Appointment by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture
Action No. 00088, dated July 6, 1939, effective and entered
on duty July 23, 1939. Oath of office July 23, 1939."

In case of promotion:

"Promotion from \$1800 to \$1860 per annum, effective July 1,
1939, Action No. 00076 by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture dated June 30, 1939."

INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING APPOINTMENT
PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF MEDICAL REPORT

Attention is called to Administrative Memorandum No. 162, of July 27, 1939, in which the Business Manager states that while it has been the practice of the Agricultural Marketing Service not to permit employees to enter upon duty until the Civil Service Commission has approved the medical certificates covering appointments in Washington, D. C., it is possible that field representatives may permit such reporting for duty.

In the future, however, field representatives should in every case of probational appointment see that the proposed appointee is given the prescribed physical examination, and that the medical examination report together with the fingerprint chart is transmitted to the District Civil Service Manager with his nomination for appointment.

Only in a real emergency should an appointee be permitted to enter upon duty prior to approval of the medical report, and in such cases a full statement of reasons as to the nature of the emergency should be submitted. This is emphasized by the Director of Personnel of the Department in Personnel Circular No. P-29, of July 14, 1939, as follows:

"On July 11, 1939, the Civil Service Commission issued Departmental Circular No. 196, advising that by Minute 2 of May 3, 1939, the Commission made effective the provisions of Civil Service Rule XV in cases involving assignment of duty to probational appointees prior to approval of medical certificates by the Commission when the appointee fails to meet physical requirements. Minute 2 of May 3, 1939, is quoted below:

"MEDICAL CERTIFICATES - PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED: Moved that the Departments be advised that Rule XV will be invoked in case any person is selected for probational appointment and assigned to duty prior to the approval of the medical certificate by the Commission in any case where such person fails to meet the physical requirements, unless it can be shown that an emergency existed; this procedure to be applied to certificates issued to departments and agencies from the Commission's central office registers for appointment in Washington, D. C., or the field service, Approved.'

"The Commission stated that considerable embarrassment has been caused by appointing officers bringing to Washington, D. C., from distant points, persons whose medical certificates could not be approved by the Commission. The Department is assured that prompt action will be taken on medical certificates submitted by proposed appointees and except in an emergency no person whose physical condition is doubtful should be directed to report for duty until after the Commission has approved the medical certificate."

SEND ESTIMATES OF EXPENSE,
REQUISITIONS FOR SUPPLIES, PROMPTLY

Attention is called to Administrative Memorandum No. 169, of August 12, 1939, on ACCOUNTS - ENCUMBRANCES, in which the Business Manager urges that estimates for expenditures for (1) telephone and telegraph; (2) addressing and duplicating; and (3) machine tabulation, be sent to his office promptly, if these services are to be used during the fiscal year 1940.

Requisitions for the purchase of supplies should also be sent to the Procurement Office sufficiently early to allow for posting and encumbering before the supplies are actually needed.

It is earnestly requested that these instructions be followed.

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The Tobacco Division announces a training course in flue-cured tobacco at Raleigh, N. C., during the month of September, for inspectors from Kentucky and Tennessee districts who wish to qualify for inspection work on flue-cured markets. Those who successfully pass the required grading test at the end of the course will be employed next year as vacancies occur, in the inspection work in the flue-cured district, during the months preceding the opening of their home markets.

REPORTS AND RELEASES

REPORTS

FRAGMENTS FROM THE CHALAZAL END OF THE COTTON SEED - Their Formation and Factors Affecting Extent of Presence in Ginned Lint, by William S. Smith and Norma L. Pearson. Most ginned cotton lint contains fragments of notes from cottonseed that were crushed in the ginning process, and if present in considerable numbers, these fragments have an adverse effect on the spinning quality of cotton. This study is a part of the work on cotton quality and standardization research in cooperation with the Bureau of Plant Industry.

PREPARATION OF BURLEY TOBACCO FOR MARKET, by Hugh W. Taylor, is a reprint of a study originally issued in 1936.

PREPARATION OF FIRE-CURED TOBACCO FOR MARKET, by Hugh W. Taylor, is also a study that was originally issued in 1936. Constructive suggestions are offered to growers to aid them in sorting and grading their product to the best advantage.

ADDRESS

PROMOTING BETTER GINNING PRACTICES BY APPLICATION OF RESULTS OF GINNING INVESTIGATIONS, by Francis L. Gerdes (and Charles A. Bennett, Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering), presented by Mr. Gerdes at a meeting of the Arkansas Cotton Ginners' Association, Hot Springs, on July 17, 1939.

HANDBOOK

FREE CLASSIFICATION OF COTTON AND COTTON MARKET NEWS, a Handbook for Group Representatives and Others in Communities Organized to Promote the Improvement of Cotton.

STANDARDS

U. S. STANDARDS FOR SHELLLED RUNNER PEANUTS, effective September 1, 1939, and U. S. STANDARDS FOR SHELLLED WHITE SPANISH PEANUTS, effective September 1, 1939, are defined in recent mimeographed releases.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. Kitchen and Carl H. Robinson will return to Washington on September 2 from a trip to various field offices of the Division of Cotton Marketing. They conferred with officials of the Division, members of the trade, and cooperators in the cotton work of the Department, at Atlanta, Clemson College, Mobile, New Orleans, Houston, Austin, Dallas, College Station, Tex., and Memphis.

Mr. Reed, Assistant Chief, and Charles E. Gage, in charge of the Tobacco Division, will make a trip to the tobacco markets of North Carolina and South Carolina, leaving Washington about September 10.

Reginald Royston, Division of Agricultural Statistics, attended a conference on marketing at Winchester, Va., on August 25, where he discussed with apple growers and shippers, the problems of estimating the commercial apple crop. On August 26, he was joined by Henry M. Taylor, agricultural statistician for the State of Virginia, on an inspection trip to several commercial orchards.

Thomas W. Heitz, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, left Washington August 22, for Columbus, Ohio to assist in judging eggs and dressed poultry exhibited at the Ohio State Fair, August 23 to 30. Before returning to Washington, Mr. Heitz will visit some of the Federal-State egg grading stations in Ohio.

Two new classing offices will be opened in the Cotton Belt on September 1. B. V. Person of the Columbia, S. C., field office of the Division of Cotton Marketing will be in charge of the new office at Lubbock, Tex.; L. C. Crittendon of the Austin field office will be detailed to the new office at Altus, Okla.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division has reopened its canned foods grading office at Easton, Md., with E. R. Thompson in charge. This office, covering the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia and the Delaware area, will serve canners, warehousemen, bankers, and brokers who have based their contracts of sales or loan agreements on predicated federally graded canned foods.

Paul L. Koenig, Division of Agricultural Statistics, is on a field trip of approximately 6 weeks. He will visit Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, where he will inspect State offices and discuss operational problems and programs of work, including plans for new work. He will also confer with cooperating State officials, with college authorities, farmer and trade organizations, and others with regard to the current program of statistical reports.

John L. McCollum, Cotton Marketing, is making a trip to the field classing offices of the Division, to consider with those in charge, the classing of cotton from cooperating gins, and the classing of cotton for organized cotton-improvement groups receiving the classing service available under the Smith-Doxey Act.

Charles E. Gage, in charge of the Tobacco Division, has returned from Lexington and Louisville, Ky., where he discussed with Federal officials and others, plans for inspection work in the Burley district for the coming season.

F. G. Robb, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will spend the next 8 weeks traveling to field offices of the Division in connection with inspection work in Illinois, Ohio, Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Frank Grayson, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, who has been conducting mohair grading demonstrations in Texas since July, will continue these grading demonstrations until about October 15, at the urgent requests of Texas mohair producers and various organizations interested in the production and marketing of mohair. Mr. Grayson was judge of mohair at the annual show at Lampasas, recently.

Carl Nagel and Henry E. Colegrove of the Warehouse Division are assisting examiners of the field offices in making inspections of canned foods warehouses in the States of Indiana and New York. They will return to Washington about September 8.

Asa R. Tuttle, Division of Agricultural Statistics, spent several days in Albany, N. Y., assisting Dr. R. L. Gillett, in charge of that office, in reorganizing the office and rearranging the records preliminary to moving certain work and personnel to some additional space in the New York State Teachers' Association Building.

Charles Molin, of Philadelphia, has joined the staff of the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division, and will be assigned to the Chicago office. He will assist with the supervision of soybean inspection, the dockage inspection for forage seeds, and the market news work on grain, hay, and feed. At the time of his appointment, Mr. Molin was manager of the Domestic Grain Department of the Universal Grain Company, of Philadelphia. For a number of years he was connected with the grain, hay, and bean inspection department of the Philadelphia Commercial Exchange, and he was chief deputy grain inspector from 1925 to 1937. Mr. Molin attended the first hay inspectors' training school held by the Hay, Feed, and Seed Division in 1922, and has been a licensed hay inspector since that time. He was employed by the Department as a hay inspector on drought work in 1934 and 1935.

Effective about September 15 W. W. Morrison, of the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Office, will be detailed for a period of about 6 months to the Grades and Standards Project of the Division to make investigations relative to the suitability of some of the present grades for use by consumers. Incident to this assignment, Louis V. Bryant, who is now working on a special assignment for the canned foods inspection service at Traverse City, Mich., will be given an appointment at Chicago to assist with the inspection work there.

Malcolm I. Dunn, Tobacco Division, was in Raleigh, N. C., last week for the opening of the tobacco marketing season in the eastern North Carolina district.

B. C. Boree, Fruit and Vegetable Division, left Washington August 30 for a 6-weeks' trip in connection with the supervision of market news work in Illinois, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio.

Thorland R. Hall, in charge of the canning-crop estimates, Division of Agricultural Statistics, left Washington on August 22 to visit the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, in the interest of regular estimates and special reports needed by the AAA in connection with marketing agreements and surplus purchases. He will interview growers, dealers, and processors of commercial truck crops in order to obtain supplemental data necessary to detailed and comprehensive estimates of acreage and production, with special attention to utilization of production as between fresh shipments, freezing, and other processing.

W. B. S. Woodward of the Boston office, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will attend the Eastern States Dairy Products Judging Contest at Springfield, Mass., on September 19, and will assist in judging butter and cheese exhibited there.

Alton R. Larsen, junior agricultural statistician, Salt Lake City office, Division of Agricultural Statistics, came to Washington to assist in the preparation of the August 15 price report which was released on August 29.

L. B. Burk, Livestock, Meats, and Wool Division, who is holding lamb grading demonstrations in Morgantown, W. Va., and in Staunton, Va., will return to Washington early in September.

During the week of August 28, W. F. Plummer of the Boston Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Office, will conduct a series of grading demonstrations in several fruit growing counties in Vermont.

Archie Langley, Division of Agricultural Statistics, has returned from an extended field trip which he made in connection with the pre-harvest wheat survey. This involved taking samples of headed wheat immediately preceding harvest and identifying the varieties of the various samples for a study designed for developing objective methods of estimating yield per acre. He went to Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

V. G. Vizbara, New York office, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, will be on relief duty in the Boston office of the Division during September while N. A. Dakin is on annual leave.

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LIST OF LEGISLATION ENACTED BY 76th CONGRESS, AVAILABLE

Attention of officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture is invited to Budget and Finance Circular No. 121, issued August 15, 1939, by the Director of Finance. It is entitled "Legislation Enacted by 76th Congress, First Session", and is a digest of legislation (January 3 to August 5, 1939), that relates to the activities of the Department, or that may be of general interest to its personnel.

